

**SUMMARY OF MEETING**  
**KENDALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (12)**  
**Non-Zoning Meeting**  
**Kendall Branch Library - 9101 SW 97 Avenue**  
**March 16, 2005 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Council Members Present**

Jose I. Valdes, Chair  
Millie Herrea, Vice Chair  
Peggy Brodeur  
Jacqueline Hernandez-Torano  
Carla Savola  
Nelson Varona  
Robert W. Wilcosky

**Miami-Dade Team Metro Staff Present**

Catherine A. Minnis, Acting Executive Secretary  
Suzel Cuellar, Executive Planner

**Other Miami-Dade County Staff Present**

Miguel Cordero, Metropolitan Planning Organization  
John Garcia, Transit  
Jackie Bofill, General Obligation Bond Program  
Anita Gibboney, Office of Strategic Business Management  
Mike Iturrey, Office of Strategic Business Management  
Sergeant William Gonzalez, Community Services Unit, MDPD Kendall Station

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Valdes called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Minnis called roll and all members were present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Valdes requested the addition of the following items to the agenda: Report from Council Member Wilcosky regarding his appointment as the liaison for the South Miami-Dade Corridor Alternative Analysis Citizen's Advisory Committee, and the Extension of the Urban Development Boundary. A motion to approve the agenda of March 16, 2005 was forwarded by Council Member Brodeur and seconded by Council Member Savola. The agenda was approved by a vote of 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2005**

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2005 was forwarded by Council Member Brodeur and seconded by Council Member Hernandez-Torano. The minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Catherine A. Minnis, Acting Regional Coordinator, Team Metro Kendall, reported on a community paint-out event at the Devon Aire I Villas, located on SW 120 Street and SW 122 Avenue, scheduled for March 19, 2005 and asked the Council to distribute the information to students seeking community service hours. She discussed the 2005 Neighborhood P.R.I.D.E Week Program, scheduled from April 2 – 9 with the Kick-Off Ceremony scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Robert Russa Morton Elementary School, located at 18050 Homestead Avenue. Ms. Minnis also discussed the various weekly events scheduled and thanked Council Member Savola for her sponsorship of the paint-out and invited all council members to attend.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Council Member Chair Valdes reported on the article written by Chris Mazzella of the Inspector General's Office regarding the existence of Community Councils and their responsibilities. The article was critical on issues such as attendance records, meeting locations and the Council's overall purpose. Community Councils attendance record was reported an 80% rating, while other Councils reported a 90-97% rating. The Chair suggested striving for a 90% attendance rate. Chair Valdes recommended enforcement on attendance to all non-zoning and zoning meetings. If a member has missed two or more consecutive meetings with unexcused absences, the member may be removed from the Council. Mr. Mazella suggested conducting meetings downtown in the Board of County Commission Chambers at the Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Chair Valdes is opposed to this suggestion since the location would be a hardship for most residents. He also announced the next Chair's quarterly meeting that is scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Commission Chambers.

Council Member Vice-Chair Herrera made a motion to draft a resolution to the Board of County Commissioners addressing some of the concerns brought forth in the article and expressing the Councils disapproval of moving the meetings downtown. Council members expressed their disapproval at the concerns brought forth by the article. Chair Valdes will work with Ms. Minnis in drafting a resolution to be voted upon at the next scheduled meeting.

Ms. Hernandez-Torano was introduced as the Commissioner Gimenez' Appointee to the Council, as well as Ms. Minnis was re-introduced as the Executive Secretary for the Council.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Leon Cristiano for his tenure as the former Executive Secretary to the Council. Mr. Leon Cristiano is currently the Regional Coordinator at the Team Metro South Office. A resolution will be drafted by the Council requesting a proclamation be presented to Mr. Cristiano at an upcoming Council meeting.

## **REPORT ON THE SW 112 TRAFFIC STUDY**

Sergeant William Gonzalez of the Community Services Unit, Miami-Dade Police Department Kendall Station, discussed various traffic concerns brought forth by public attendants and Council Members. Mr. Alfred Manrara, citizen, had a concern about Baptist Hospital's expansion and traffic in the immediate area SW 88 Street and SW 87 Avenue. He requested that the Council make a stronger impact on this issue. Council Member Herrera will be drafting a letter for submission to the Florida Department of Transportation about their lack of responsibility to address issues requested by the Council. Sergeant Gonzalez mentioned that a total of 18 citations were issued within a one-week timeframe for traffic issues reported by Council Member Wilcosky along SW 87 Court.

Mr. Lawrence Percival, President of the Kendall Federation of Homeowners, provided the date of the next scheduled meeting on April 4, 2005, 7 p.m., at the Kendall Community Center located SW 122 Avenue and Kendall Drive. Council Member Savola brought forth a concern regarding the legality of the parking complex located at 8700 North Kendall Drive. Council Member Herrera discussed issues within her community of Chestnut Homeowners Association; Council Member Hernandez-Torano requested speed traps for the area of SW 82-87 Avenue between Miller Drive and Sunset Drive; and, Council Member Varona requested more police presence in his community.

## KENDALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL 12 BUDGET PRIORITIES

Mike Iturrey and Anita Gibboney of the Office of Strategic Business Management and Jackie Bofill of the General Obligation Bond Program provided a presentation on the budget priorities submitted for Fiscal Year 2004-2005. After a discussion by the Council Members, Mr. Iturrey discussed the Council's community needs statement of proposed budget priorities for Fiscal Year 2005-2006. The proposed priorities for the fiscal year of 2005-2006 are the following:

**Priority #1:** Fund landscaping of Kendall Drive from US 1 to the Florida Turnpike to consist of but not be limited to flowering plants and canopy trees by the Public Works Department. A motion was brought forth to approve this priority by Council Member Brodeur and seconded by Council Member Wilcosky. The vote was 7-0.

**Priority #2:** Request Planning & Zoning conduct a study to improve the aesthetics of the industrial areas bounded around the Falls West on SW 89 Place; East by the Busway, and SW 131 Street to 136 Street on the East side of SW 87 Avenue and SW 128 Street to SW 136 Street on the West side. A motion was brought forth to approve this priority by Council Member Brodeur and seconded by Council Member Wilcosky. The vote was 7-0.

**Priority #3:** Fund the design and construction of a 5,000 square foot Community Center at Indian Hammocks Park with the addition of an aquatics facility. A motion was brought forth to approve this priority by Council Member Herrera and seconded by Council Member Brodeur. The vote was 7-0.

**Priority #4:** Request for a traffic and traffic calming devices study by the Public Works Department to improve traffic flow for the area encompassing SW 87 Avenue on the West; SW 72 Avenue on the East; Miller Road (SW 56 Street) on the North; and Sunset Drive (SW 72 Street) on the South. A motion was brought forth to approve this priority by Council Member Hernandez-Torano and seconded by both Council Member Savola and Herrera. The vote was 7-0.

**Priority #5:** Re-emphasis on the Planning and Zoning Department to fund a "Charette" for development of the Baptist Hospital Area encompassing areas on the East SW 77 Avenue; West on SW 97 Avenue; North on Sunset Drive (SW 72 Street) and South on SW 104 Street. A motion was brought forth to approve this priority by Council Member Brodeur and seconded by Council Member Varona. The vote was 7-0.

**Priority #6:** Request fund improvements for Sunkist Estate Park, located on SW 64 Street, to be designated as a passive park.

## OCEAN BANK TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Rene Fernandez, Vice-President and John Mayor, Attorney of Ocean Bank, were present to discuss their resolutions to issues brought forth at the last Council meeting on January 19, 2005. The resolutions were regarding the exit/entrance from the property unto Kendall Drive that has derived from traffic concerns and to discuss remedies they have implemented since the last meeting. Mr. Joe Pruna is no longer the bank's branch manager. The representatives removed the street markings on the left turn and repainted the right turn arrow, added a second stop sign, informed vehicle traffic by posting signs in the drive-thru area and briefed all employees. They will monitor the situation for improvement, and will come before the Council again for more suggestions if no improvement is apparent.

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SNAPPER CREEK PARK GENERAL PLAN  
(Second Viewing)**

This item has been deferred to the April 13, 2005 agenda.

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION PRESENTATION-SOUTH MIAMI-DADE  
CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Miguel Cordero of the Metropolitan Planning Organization announced a public meeting that will be held at the Perrine Cutler-Ridge/Chamber South Office located at 900 Perrine Avenue. This item has been deferred to the April 13, 2005 agenda.

**GOVERNMENTAL FACILITIES APPLICATION PRESENTATION  
-EXPANSION OF JACKSON SOUTH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

This item has been deferred to the April 13, 2005.

**TEAM METRO OFFICE COMPARISON REPORT**

This item has been referred to the April 13, 2005.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Pick, citizen, requested an update on the landscaping issue by the Radisson Hotel on Kendall Drive. The landscaping required has not been completed and additional signs have been erected at the site. Chair Valdes has requested that representatives from the Radisson Hotel and Mr. Pick be present at the next scheduled meeting for a discussion.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2005**

Following discussion, the Council agreed on the following items for April 13, 2005 meeting: (1) Resolution to the Board of County Commissioners addressing concerns brought forth in the article by Mr. Mazella and expressing the Council's disapproval of moving the meetings downtown; (2) Representatives from the Radisson Hotel on Kendall Drive regarding landscaping issues; (3) Resolution endorsing the Snapper Creek Park General Plan with requested park information; (4) Discussion on supporting a resolution asking the County Commission not to move the Urban Development Boundary; (5) Metropolitan Planning Organization Presentation regarding the South Miami-Dade Corridor Alternative Analysis Citizen's Advisory Committee; (6) Governmental Facilities Application Presentation; and, (7) Team Metro Office Comparison Report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Catherine A. Minnis, Acting Executive Secretary